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The main importance of the area to the Soviets lies in its gold mines, which have yielded an estimated 15 billion [unit not specified]. To aid transportation, not only has the Siberian railway been double-tracked, but 12 roads have secretly been built.

Another city ruled by the police is Nikeri [Nikel'??] formerly Salmijärvi, in the Petsamo area, only a short distance from the Norwegian border. The town is the center of very rich nickel deposits. When it passed from Finland to the USSR, the Finnish population was moved elsewhere and replaced by convicts. The city is now ringed by innumerable sentry towers.

Another secret city is Borentsburg in the Norwegian Spitzbergen islands. The Soviets obtained the coal mine concession at Eisfjord in 1932. The city is now completely isolated, and no foreigners are allowed to enter the area. Some military specialists believe that the Soviets have turned the area into a base for radio-controlled rockets.

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